

go forth with a greater determination to do the will of our Father who art in heaven.

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#### Wabash Notes

As you have not heard from the S. S. C. E. of College Corner for some time we make the following report for the past year.

We have paid to the theological fund \$2 15, to the superannuated minister's fund \$ 75, to our organist during protracted meeting \$6 00 and \$8 00 on the \$15 that was assigned College Corner for home missions, \$10 toward our pastor's salary, for song books for church \$2 19, our part of delegate's car fare and the delegate fee to state conference \$2 80, bought the paint and paid for the painting of the church, the screening of the windows, and what was expended for church inside all amounting to about \$96 95. We still have in our treasury \$29 60.

We meet the last Thursday in every month for devotional service, have been meeting at the homes of those sisters who have lately joined our society, have increased in membership from twelve to nineteen. All the sisters seem to be interested and encouraged in this part of the Master's work. And we should all remember that the influence of the S. S. C. E. will not die with us, it can not be gathered up at our death and buried with us in the grave. In our life time we put in motion an agency which we are powerless at death to arrest. The influence we put forth in our life time will live on, like the circling and widening wave made by the pebble on the smooth surface of the water it will go until it strikes the distant shore. The sisters in our society who are earnest and faithful in attendance give tone and character to the society directly and also by their influence on others. And as we all have this influence we should be very careful to guide it in the right direction and use it properly. There are traces left behind every thing great and small and no person can pass thru life without increasing or diminishing the sum total of human happiness, it is impossible to detach ourselves from this connection. Our pathway thru life will be thronged by companions who will be made better or worse by our influence over them. We shall pass thru this world but once, any good, any kindness that we can do, we should do now. Let us not defer it or neglect it.

We must climb if we would rest,  
The bird soars upward to his nest  
We are not glad until we have known  
Life that can lift us from our own  
A loftier level must be won  
A mightier strength to lean upon  
And heaven draws nearer as we ascend  
The breeze invites, the stars befriend,  
All things are beckoning to the best  
We must climb to thee, O God for rest.

ARVILLA WRIGHT.

What is meant by our neighbor we cannot doubt; it is every one with whom we are brought into contact, whosoever it be, whom we have any means of helping.

## Our Young People

PRACTICAL CONSECRATION—Rom. 12 : 1-21

Topic for Sunday, May 18

#### HOME READINGS

- M. May 12. The basis of service, Deut. 6 : 4-9  
T. " 13. Fruitful service, Ps. 1 : 1-6  
W. " 14. Strong service, Isa. 40 : 28-31  
T. " 15. Be diligent, 2 Pet. 3 : 9-14  
F. " 16. With all your heart, 2 Chron. 31 : 20, 21  
S. " 17. Happy service, Isa. 26 : 3-12

There is a great deal of talk about consecration which does not mean very much because it is not definite. Real consecration in the heart will work out thru the life in practical ways which all may see.

It is well to take the thought of consecration which we use so much and analyze it to see just what it may mean for each of us.

#### SCRIPTURE HELP

1. Practical consecration means first of all that the heart be set upon doing the will of God. Prov. 23 : 26, Matt. 22 : 37-40, Col. 3 : 1. What does it mean to give God the heart? Why is love the fulfilling of the law?
2. The life that is consecrated will be expended in service, Matt. 21 : 28, Gal. 6 : 9. Light proves that it is light by shining, and life shows itself living by activity, and love must show its reality by service.
3. The lips consecrated, Matt. 28 : 19, 1 Pet. 3 : 10. If Christ be enthroned in the heart, the lips will be given to speaking of him. They will not be given to vulgarity or profanity or falsehood. Is slang consistent with consecration? How may we best use our lips to God's glory?
4. The feet consecrated, Isa. 52 : 7, 1 Pet. 1 : 21. What are some places where consecrated feet will never wilfully go? What are some places where consecrated feet will seek to go?
5. Hands consecrated, Ps. 24 : 4, 1 Thes. 4 : 11, Matt. 20 : 28, 1 Tim. 2 : 8. Why is honest labor noble? What are "holy hands"? What are some practical things we can do for Christ with our hands?
6. The eyes consecrated, Matt. 6 : 22. What does Jesus mean by the "single eye"? Should all have an overruling purpose in life? What was the supreme purpose in the life of Jesus? John 6 : 38. Should our life purpose be the same as that of Jesus? John 20 : 21.
7. The mind consecrated, Rom. 12 : 1, Phil. 4 : 8. Is consecration consistent with learning? Will the consecrated person think about base things?
8. The time consecrated, Eph. 5 : 16. In what ways do we often squander time? Is mere unnecessary idleness sin? How can we improve the use of odd minutes?
9. Talent consecrated, Luke 19 : 13. Have all at least one talent? How can we consecrate our talent in practical ways?
10. Money consecrated, Luke 14 : 33, 1 Cor. 16 : 2. Why may we not consider our money as ours to use as we please? What are some sinful ways of using money?

#### HINTS FOR TALKS AND TESTIMONIES

The reverence, humility and service typified in the attitude of the cherubim of Isaiah's vision. Isaiah 6 : 2.

The responsibility of service cannot be shifted to others.

The final settlement of accounts is coming.

Practical things we should begin now to do which we have hitherto neglected.

C. F. YODER.

#### Personal Effort to Win Souls

Comparatively little is done by the Church for the salvation of sinners save what the preacher does in the pulpit on Sunday. Satan does not dread the sermons of the preacher half so much as he does the personal interview of a warm-hearted Christian with an unconverted soul. The heavy artillery of our prepared and elaborate sermons does not alarm him. An army fighting with heavy artillery is not very dreadful. The fighting is done at long range. There is a deal of noise, a vast amount of smoke, fabulous quantities of ammunition expended, but very little execution. It is when the charge is made on the flank or center that the battle is won.

Much of our fighting is done at long range. Much of our artillery is heavy, some of it very heavy. The noise reverberates among the hills and the smoke is dense, but the execution is not what we would like. The word of God is said to be sharper than a two edged sword, piercing to the dividing assunder of soul and spirit. But one cannot fight with a sword at long range. He must come close enough to the one he wishes to pierce to see his eye and feel the warm breath of his mouth. If a whole congregation of Christians should go out some day, each one to see an unsaved soul and try to bring him to God, hell's foundations would quiver before twenty four hours.

#### What is Your Practice?

Keep your Sunday free for earnest reading. Burn up the Sunday newspaper says C. E. Jefferson. It is an indefensible, intolerable curse. It exists simply and solely to swell the income of wealthy and greedy newspaper proprietors. A Christian ought to be ashamed to have it all in his house. Is not a man sufficiently secularized by six days contact with the world, without dipping his mind on Sunday morning once more into the muddy stream in which he has dipped himself on the preceding six days? What can be expected of a Christian in public worship who comes to church with a newspaper stuffed into his mind? He is cold as a clod to the touch of a preacher, and lowers the spiritual temperature of the entire congregation. William E. Gladstone was an ideal worshipper in the house of God. He concentrated all his great powers upon the sermon. He was interested because he was informed. He was informed because thru-out life he had made diligent use of his Sundays. He declared in old age that he would not have lived so long had he not kept his Sundays quite apart from his political life. It was pure refreshment to him to turn to holier things on that day. It enabled him to learn more of religious subjects than perhaps any other layman of our century. It gave him that firm and splendid ground which ennobled and hallowed all his actions. "Go thou and do likewise."

The secret of success is constancy to purpose.